

Harbor, Valley, Viking Spikers Meet In Metro Feature Tomorrow

Powerful Harbor JC travels to Long Beach City College tomorrow for a three-way Metropolitan Conference meet with the host Vikings and Los Angeles Valley JC.

In other Metro matches tomorrow, El Camino and San Diego are at East Los Angeles Junior College, and Bakersfield hosts Santa Monica CC.

Little Ken Dennis, former Centennial High state sprint champ now running for the Valley JC, Monarchs, Long Beach's Gary Bradley, and Everett Jackson, of Harbor, will put on a tingling battle in the 100- and 220-yard dashes.

Dennis has done 9.6 and 21.3 in the sprints. Jackson has sprinted to 0.9 and 21.8 clockings, while Bradley is not far behind.

El Camino's chances of upsetting East LAJC and San Diego seem slim. The Warriors are without too much strength this year, except in the pole vault where former Ingewood Hill yauler Jerry Hren has topped 13' 8".

RUFFELL ON CIF SQUAD

Helms Tabs Top Prep Hoopsters

Helms Athletic Foundation's board of basketball experts named the top 20 high school cagers in the CIF, Central Section, this week, with Torrance's Rich Ruffell coming in for a second team selection at guard.

Although Ruffell played center all year long for the Tartars, the selection committee put him at guard on the mythical team since there was an abundance of good postmen named to the first and second



(Herald Photo) ALL CIF'er RUFFELL ... Surveying Shot

squads. Ten players were picked for each the first and second CIF squads, with no honorable-mentions named.

Ruffell and Notre Dame's Tony Salas were the only juniors to be named to either the first or second teams. Both made the second team.

Jerry Pimm, Montebello's fabulous scorer, and Bob Fisher, Hart, forward; John Belkiss, Redlands, center; Mike McCormick, Culver City; Mike McCormick, Mark Keppel High; Henry Wallace, Long Beach Poly, and Dick Sundahl, Glendale Hoover, guards.

Hughes Selected Others on the first team included Bill Bloom, Burroughs; Rex Hughes, Redondo, and Bob Fisher, Hart, forward; John Belkiss, Redlands, center; Mike McCormick, Culver City; Mike McCormick, Mark Keppel High; Henry Wallace, Long Beach Poly, and Dick Sundahl, Glendale Hoover, guards.

Hughes' selection was warranted by his top performance in leading the Redondans to the Bay League title. He barely nosed out Ruffell for the loop scoring title.

Ruffell was described by the selections board, which was comprised of representatives of most of the daily newspapers in the area, as one of the hottest college prospects in the Southland. His nomination was even more gratifying, when the fact the Tartars won only 11 and lost 13 was taken into account. Most of the other performers came from league championship teams.

Smashes Records Ruffell re-wrote almost all the scoring records at TBS during the past season. The 6'7" hot-shot got 36 points against Antelope Valley in a Beverly Hills Tournament game to set a new single game scoring mark for the school. His 424 points in 34 regular season games, an 18.3 average, also set a new season scoring record. He finished up the slate just two points behind Redondo's Hughes, who had 450. And he'll be back next season, too!

Coach Fanny Markham and Ruffell will be honored, along with the rest of the prep stars and their coaches, at an awards program March 31 at Helms Hall. Each of the All-CIF players will get an engraved miniature basketball from the Volt Rubber Co. and scroll awards from Helms.

Mira Costa hosts Torrance and the Saxons travel to Hawthorne for dual meets tomorrow in track and field action.

The Micheli Tartar affair looks like a win for Torrance, since Mira Costa has some fine individual performers but can't match the overall strength of the locals. In Jim Bevis and Gary O'Dell the Mustangs have two of the best miles in the Southland, but they are poorly stocked in field events.

Gary Cooke and Tom Brown, in the sprints; Dick Bentwood and Duane Cooke, in the hurdles; Skip Smith and Stan Wilson, in the shot put; Rich Ruffell, in the broad jump, and Myron Schmidt, in the 440, will be the leading Varsity entrants for Torrance.

North High will be paced by miler-sprinter Dave Campbell, Jim Powers, broad jump; Roger Snell, high jump; Gene Daim, 100- and 200-yard sprints; and Bob Walker, 440, in the Varsity going.

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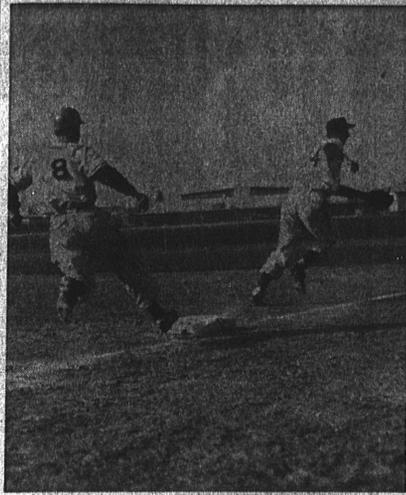
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TAKES EXTRA BASE . . . Culver City runner rounds first and heads for second on overdrive at first base in game with North High Tuesday. Ron Anderson, Saxon first sacker (right), chases after loose ball. Centaurs tallied six times in fifth frame to wax Saxons, 6-3, and send locals down to second straight Pioneer League defeat. NHS meets Beverly Hills today here in loop fray at 3 p.m.

Centaur's Clip North High, 9-2

Five errors, all coming at the wrong moments, and failure to powder the ball with authority proved North High's downfall Tuesday afternoon as Culver City took a Pioneer League game on their home field, 9-2.

The Saxons meet Beverly Hills here today at 3 p.m. in another Pioneer game.

The big inning again was the trouble for the Saxons as Culver tallied six times in the fifth inning to break a 3-2 game wide open.

Up until that time the game was close, with the Saxons Bob Skinner and Steve Dillenbeck, Centaur hurler, locked up in a good duel.

Culver got a single run in the second and two more in the third to hold a 3-0 lead until the top of the fifth. Then the locals got two in their turn of the fifth inning.

Skinner later was relieved by little Tony Freese, who tossed the final two innings. The slight sophomore lack speed but fools a lot of hitters with his control and tricks.

Today's game with Beverly Hills will be the third leguery for Coach Del Nunn's nine. They are 0-2 in Pioneer games, having dropped the duke last week to Hawthorne in addition to their loss to the Centaurs.

On Monday the Saxons travel to Puente for the Puente Tournament.

Rich Malone went three sets before topping Lynwood's Arnett in the feature singles match. Malone was the winner, 6-4, 6-6, 6-4.

Other Tartar winners included Dennis Moss, 6-3, 8-6, over Plunhart of Lynwood; Bob Calkins, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 victor over Stone; Tony Hartwig, 8-6, 6-1 over Webb, Gould of Lynwood picked up the losers' only singles match, blasting Torrance's Dick Smith, 6-1, 6-1.

Malone, Moss and Calkins have not lost in singles matches this season.

In doubles play, Brian Beckman and Tony Mickas, the Tartar unbeaten net duo, smashed Tyler and Krulle of Lynwood, 6-4, 8-2.

Wallace and Hines of Lynwood took the other doubles match, pasting Dave Murphy and Gary Kirtley, 6-4, 6-4.

Coach Von Hershey's Varsity net team includes Beckman, Calkins, Hartwig, Malone, Mickas, Moss, Kirtley, Murphy and Smith. Tartar jayvee net team are Jack Dykstra, Bob Johnson, Charles Longo, Arno Wehling and Jim Standbridge. Dick Birmingham is the manager.

BASE RUTH LOOP SET FOR LOMITA

Plans to form a Middle League in the Harbor City-Lomita area have been changed so that now a Babe Ruth League is in the fire. Bob Ellsworth and Jack Woods, supporters of the move, have said, Tryouts for the Babe Ruth League, for boys 12-15, will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the field at Lomita Blvd. and Belleport, they said.

LYNWOOD NINE LACES LOCALS FOR 14-2 WIN

Lynwood overwhelmed Torrance, 14-2, Tuesday in a practice baseball game on the winner's diamond to make the Tartars' 1956 record read five wins, three losses. The locals had bumped Lynwood, 3-2, last Friday here.

The winners tossed their ace pitcher, Bill Craig, at Torrance and he smoked by fast ball after fast ball in easily whiffing 11 batters. The Tartars, except for Charley Valencia, couldn't solve Craig's crafty slants.

Valencia got three hits in four trips up, for half the Tartar total.

Monday, the locals enter the Pomona Tournament and face top-seeded Downey right off the bat. They'll have to come up with some good hitting performances to get by their adversaries.

Lynwood went into the sixth inning leading 7-2 and then they went on a slugging spree to add seven more counters. Bob Clifford, lefthander, who had relieved Jess Hanon on the mound for Torrance, and Tom Mills were victims of the battering.

The Tartars got both their runs in the fifth frame on a single by Valencia, a walk to Clifford, a fielder's choice and a double by Mike Bertolot.

Sherwood Tierman, who just got over a bout with the mumps, played for the first time this season for the locals. He went one for three and handled four chances at second base without error.

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 Lynwood...281 017 8—14 9 4
 Hanon, Clifford, Mills and Grajeda; Craig and S. Gruwell.

Vike-ECC Swimmers Vie

Long Beach City College swimmers meet El Camino in the Warriors' tank tomorrow afternoon in a Metropolitan Conference dual get-together.

Always powerful, the Vikings took their jumps, however, last week in being dumped by SC's Trojans, 83-22, and Fullerton J.C., 45-39.

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BOWLING WINNERS . . . Torrance YFV Post 2551 bowling team members line up with trophies after taking singles event and registering second place finish in recent Fourth District tournament at Lynwood. Admiring loot are (left to right) Joseph F. Downey, district commissioner; teammates Forrest Plumb, Joe Furgutiv, Clifford Plumb, Bud Licht and Harold Roota, and Walter V. Synicky, district chairman. Thirty-four teams were entered in the tourney.